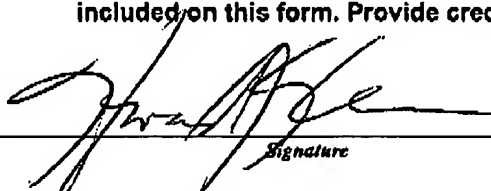


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In response to the Office Action mailed October 29, 2004, please amend the subject application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of the claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.